MINOS+ Results and Future Plans

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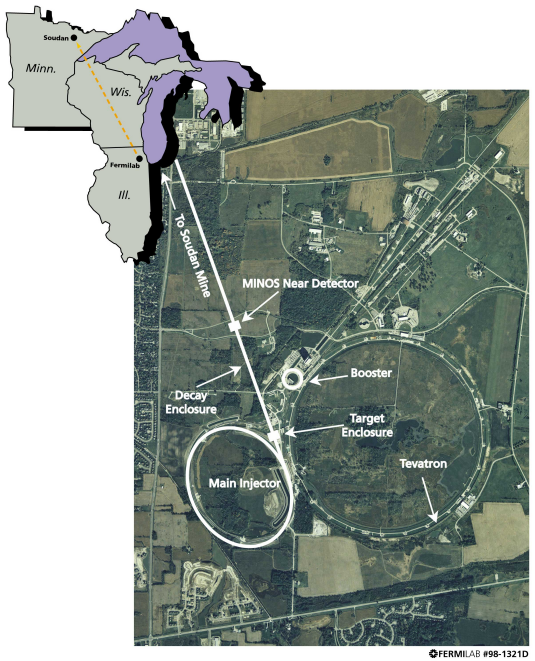
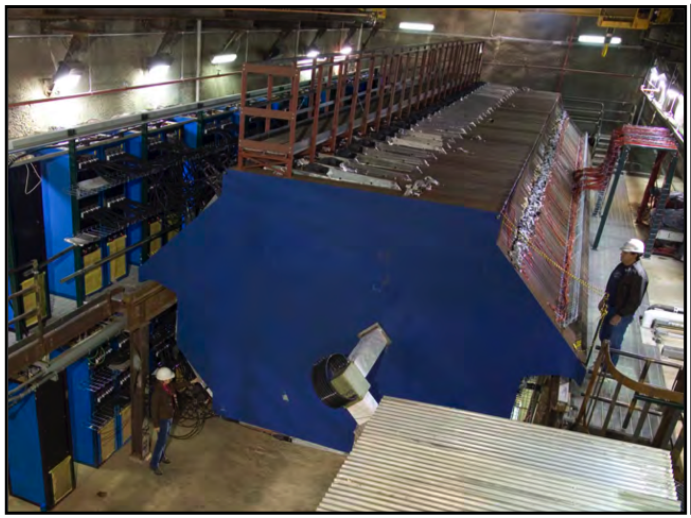
Outline

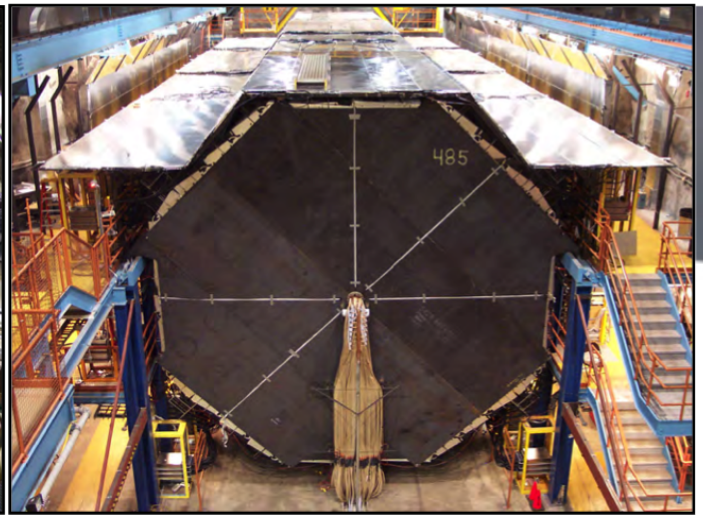
- Overview of the **M**ain **I**njector **N**eutrino **O**scillation **S**earch Detector
- Long baseline neutrino oscillations ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$)
- The search for sterile oscillations ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s$)
- Other exciting physics searches (LED, NSI, etc)

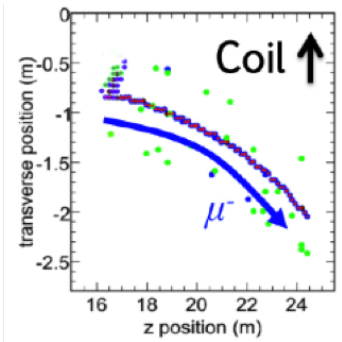


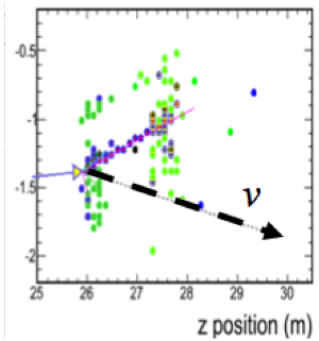
The MINOS Detector

- L_{Near} = 1 km, m_{Near} = 0.98 kton
- L_{Far} = 735 km, m_{Far} = 5.4 kton
- Two functionally similar steel-scintillator sampling calorimeters
  - 2.5cm thick steel planes, plastic scintillator with WLS fibers to M16/M64 Hamamatsu PMTs



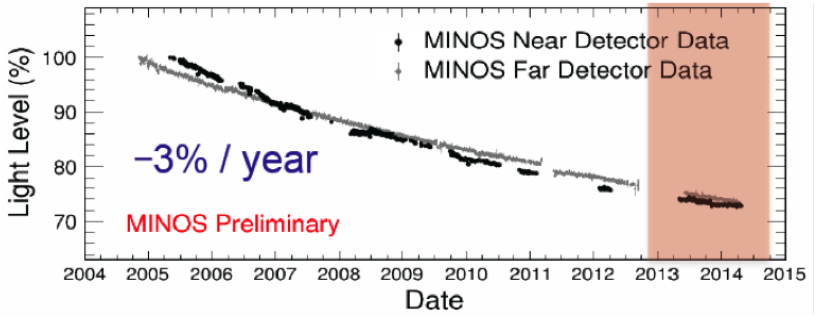


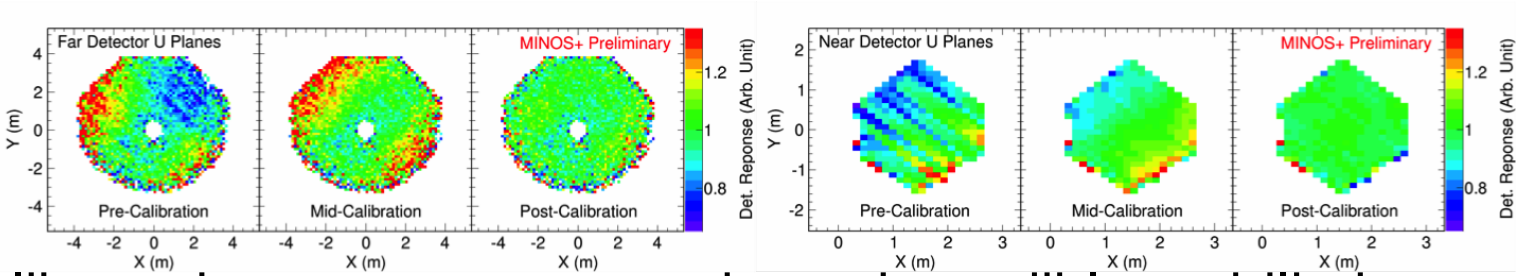




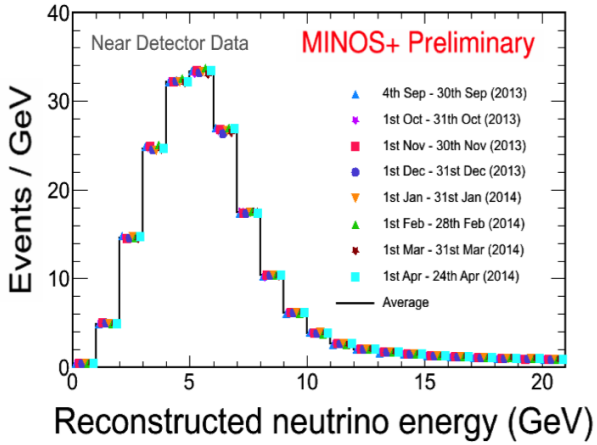
The MINOS Detector - Aging

- Our detector has aged as expected. We've seen > 95% live time!
- We see a consistent decline in light yield which we are able to correct for.



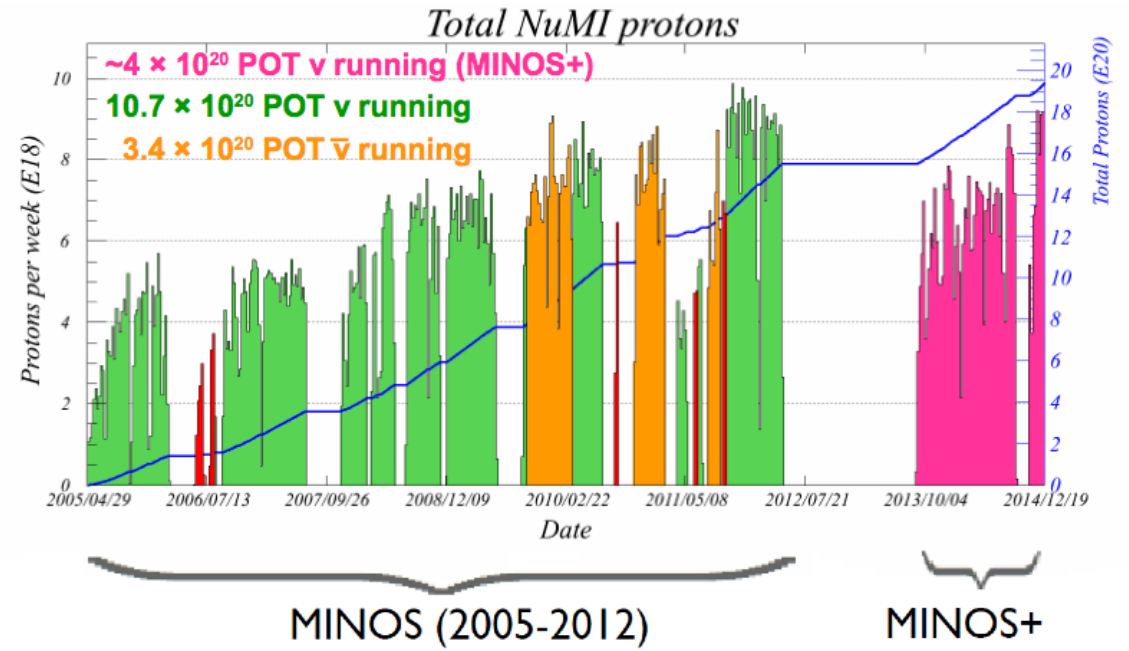


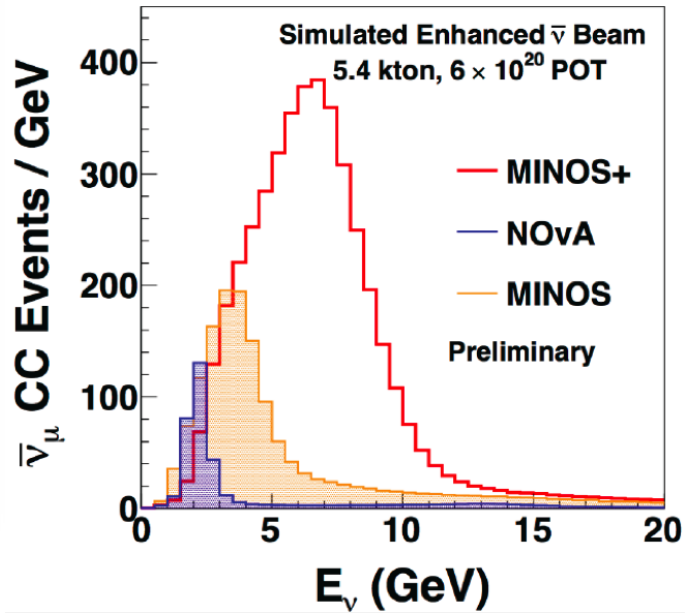
- Calibrated energy spectrum shows incredible stability!



Medium Energy NuMI Beam

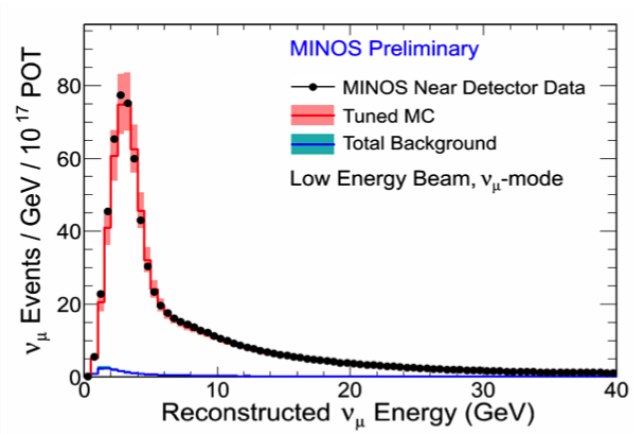
- Medium energy NOνA-era beam since September 2013
- 300 kW, 120 GeV beam, with 2.5×10^{13} protons per pulse
- Beneficiaries of the Fermilab proton improvement plan (PIP)

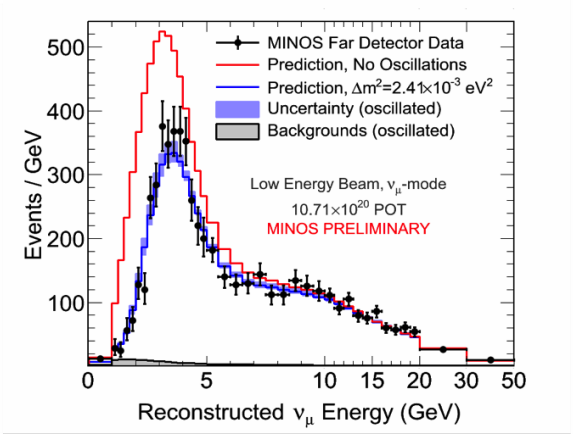


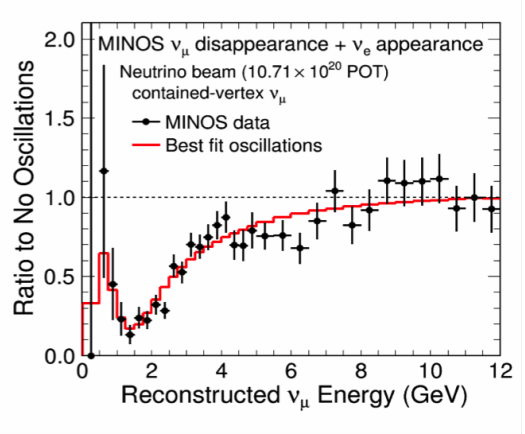


MINOS ν_μ Disappearance

- Near detector data used to predict unoscillated far detector spectrum.
- Low energy NuMI beam optimized for primary oscillation peak.
- PRL 110, 251801, 2013

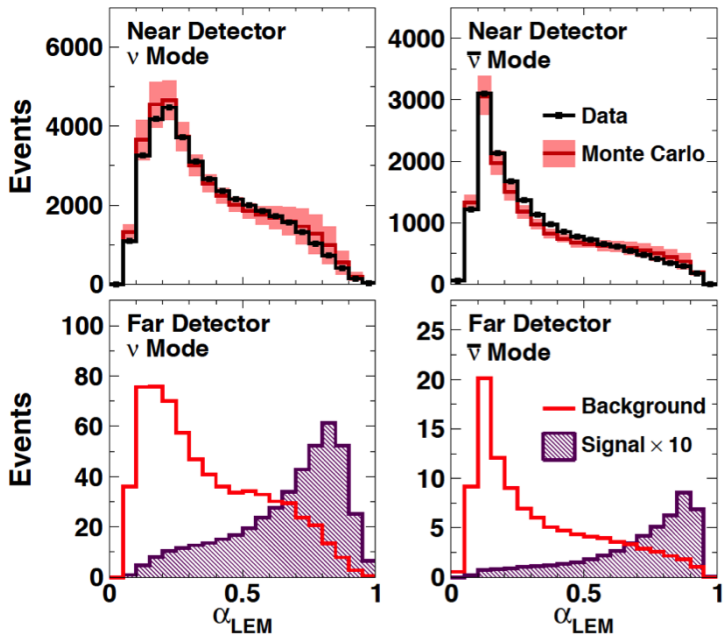


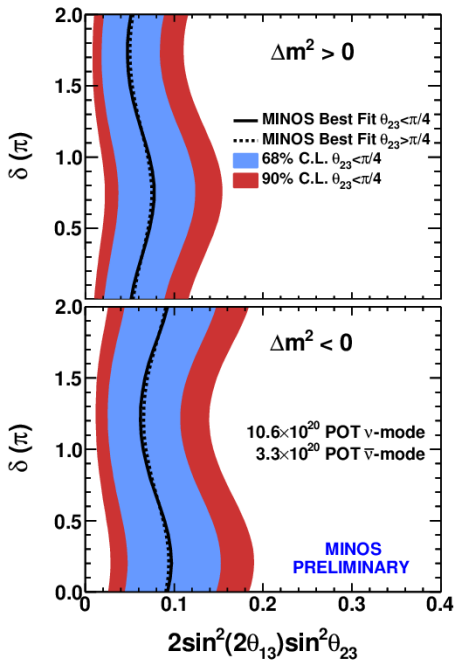


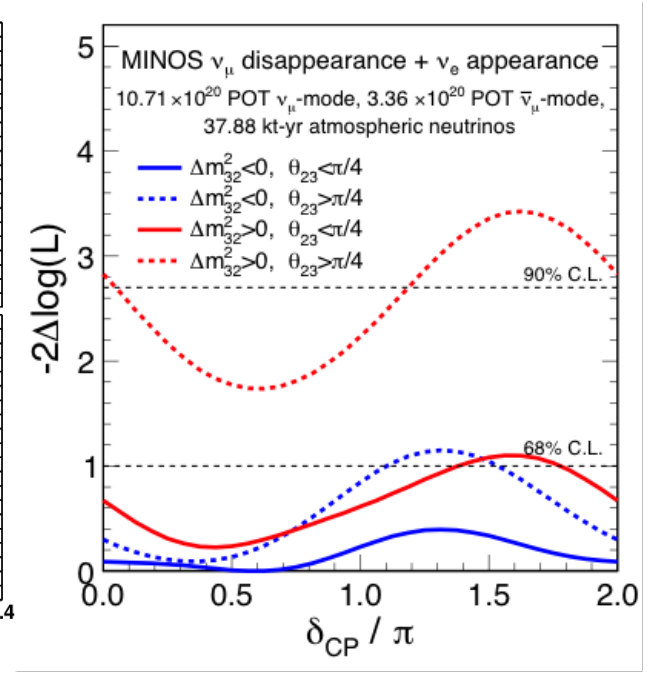


MINOS ν_e Appearance

- MC-based Library Event Matching (LEM) technique used to distinguish ν_e events from NC events.
- Nonzero value of θ_{13}
- Sensitivity to δ_{CP} when incorporating reactor limits (Dooble Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO)
- PRL 110, 171801, 2013

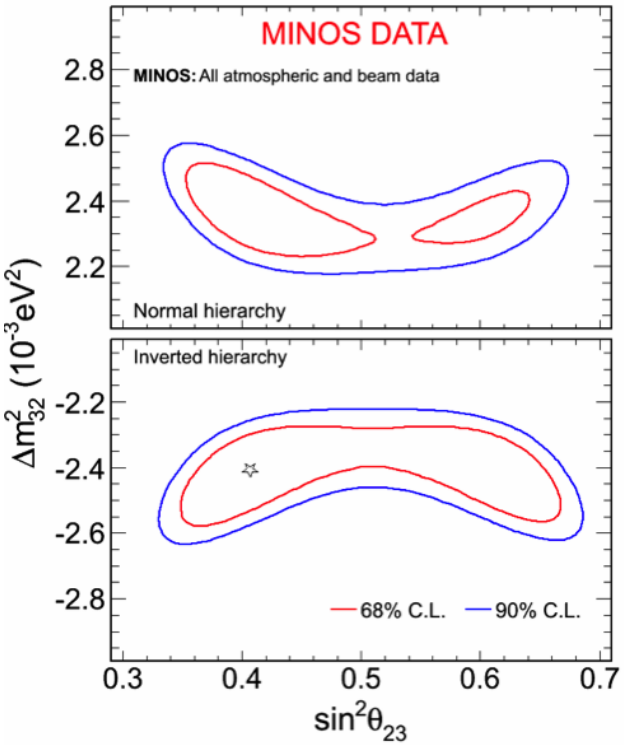






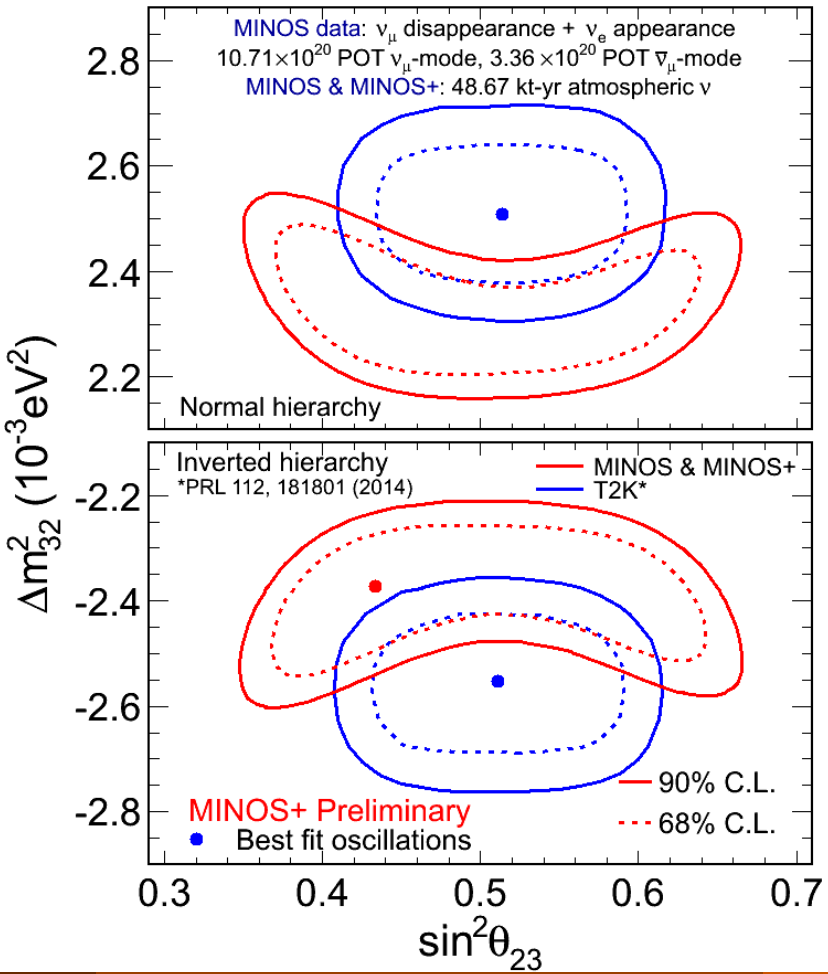
MINOS Combination: $\nu_e + \nu_\mu$ (Beam and Atmospheric)

- Neutrino physics enters a precision era!
- Normal Hierarchy:
  - $|\Delta m^2_{32}| = [2.28 - 2.46] \times 10^{-3}$ eV^2 (68% CL)
  - $\sin^2_{23} = [0.35 - 0.65]$ (90%CL)
- Inverted Hierarchy:
  - $|\Delta m^2_{32}| = [2.32 - 2.53] \times 10^{-3}$ eV^2 (68% CL)
  - $\sin^2_{23} = [0.34 - 0.67]$ (90%CL)
- PRL 112, 191801 (2014)



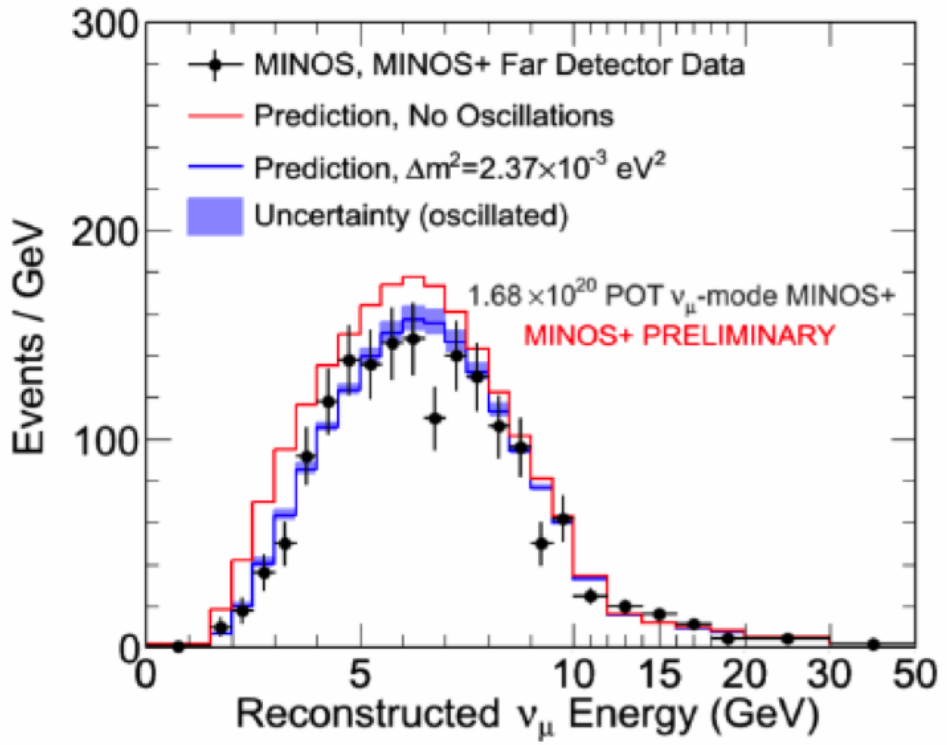
Comparison with T2K

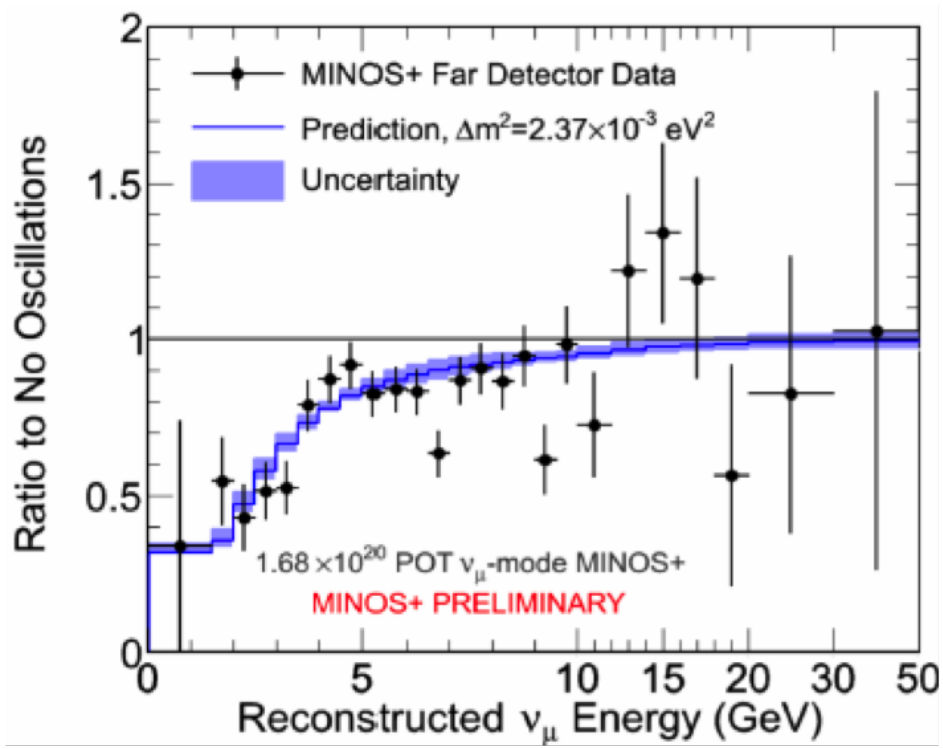
- We continue to improve our sensitivity with more atmospheric neutrino data.
  - We accrue an additional 5 kt-yr each year
- Good agreement with T2K



MINOS+ (September 2013 and Beyond)

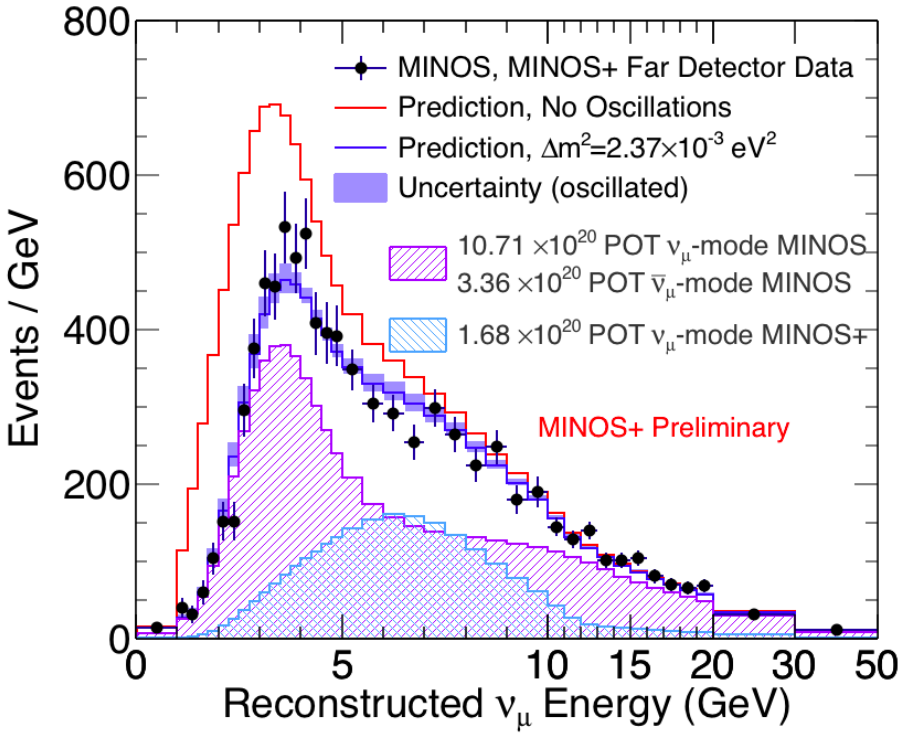
- Significant statistical improvement to rising edge of oscillation peak!
- Data accrued since September 2013 - 4.2×10^{20} PoT and counting.
- Preliminary results only for MINOS+ beam oscillations.

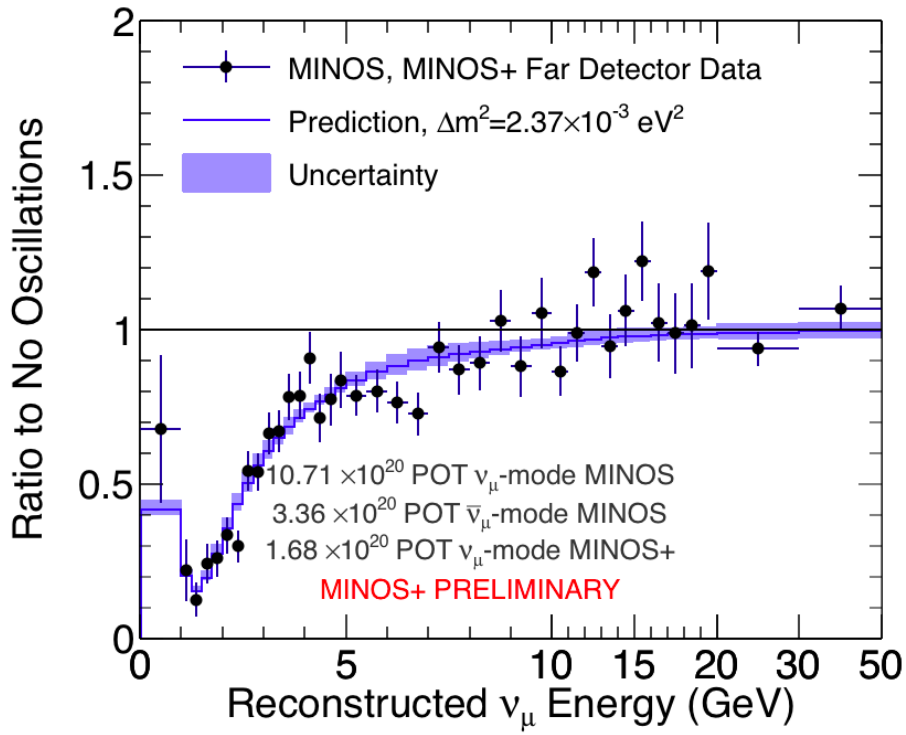




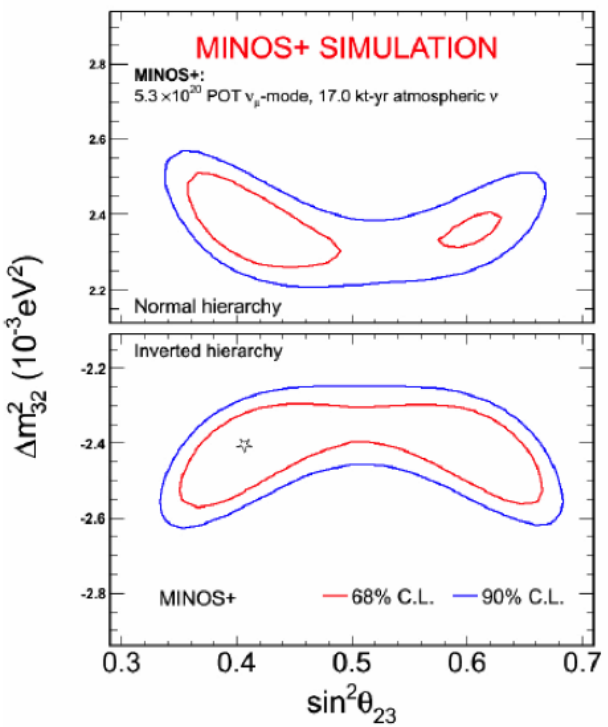
MINOS/MINOS+ Combination

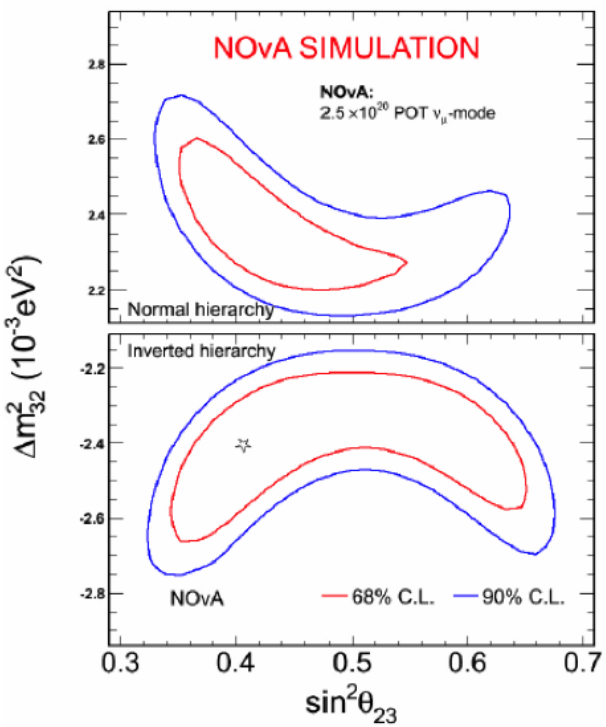
- Robust combination using both MINOS and MINOS+ disappearance samples.
  - Significant increase in statistics along rising edge of primary oscillation.

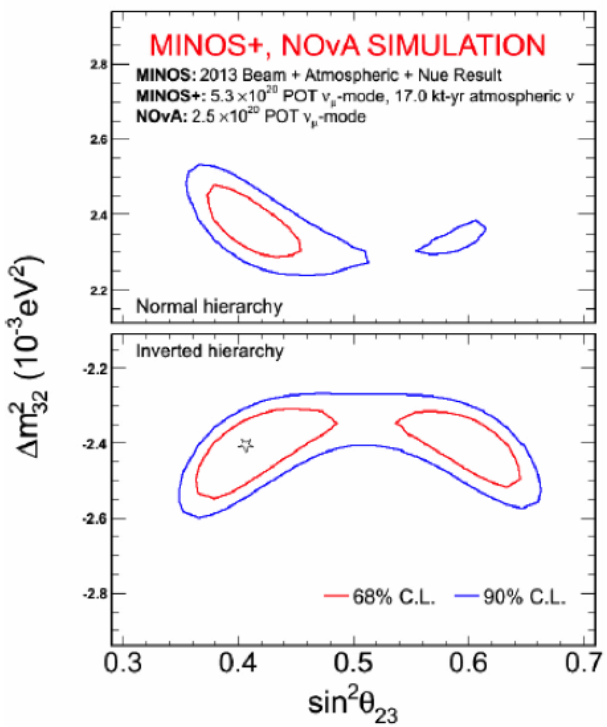




Combination with NOνA



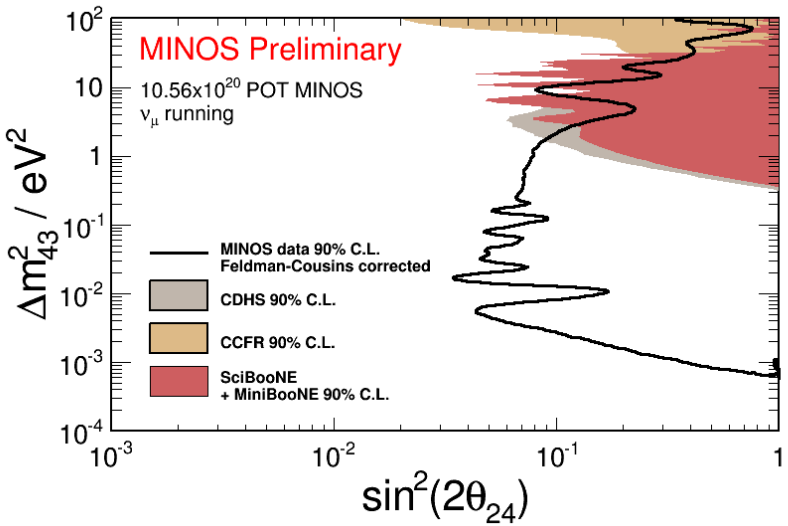


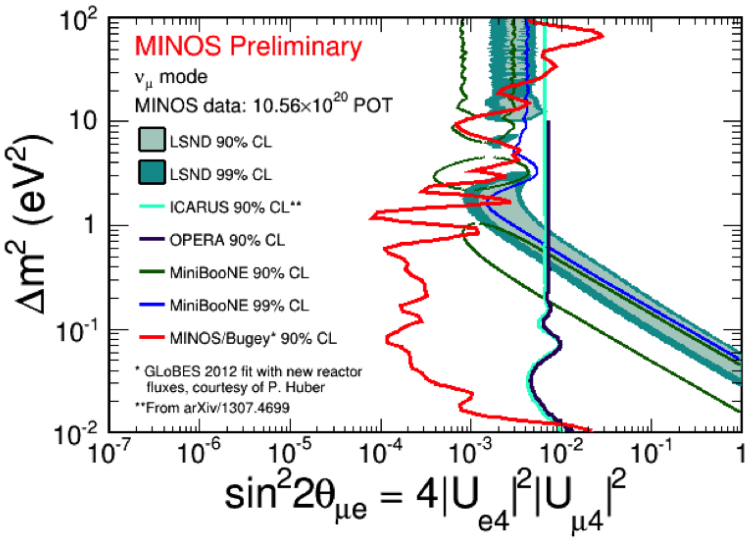


- No published beam oscillation result yet with MINOS+.
- MINOS+ result continues to be relevant for the next few years.

But are there more than 3 flavors???

- The long baseline and broad spectrum of MINOS+ opens up swaths of unexplored parameter space (left).
- Combination with the Bugey reactor experiment (right) to set 3+1 sterile mixing limits relevant to $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$ transitions ($\theta_{\mu e}$).





- Combination with Daya Bay in progress.
- Also searching for steriles arising from Large Extra Dimensions.
- Since we are in parallel with the sterile neutrino session, I won't dwell on these exciting searches...

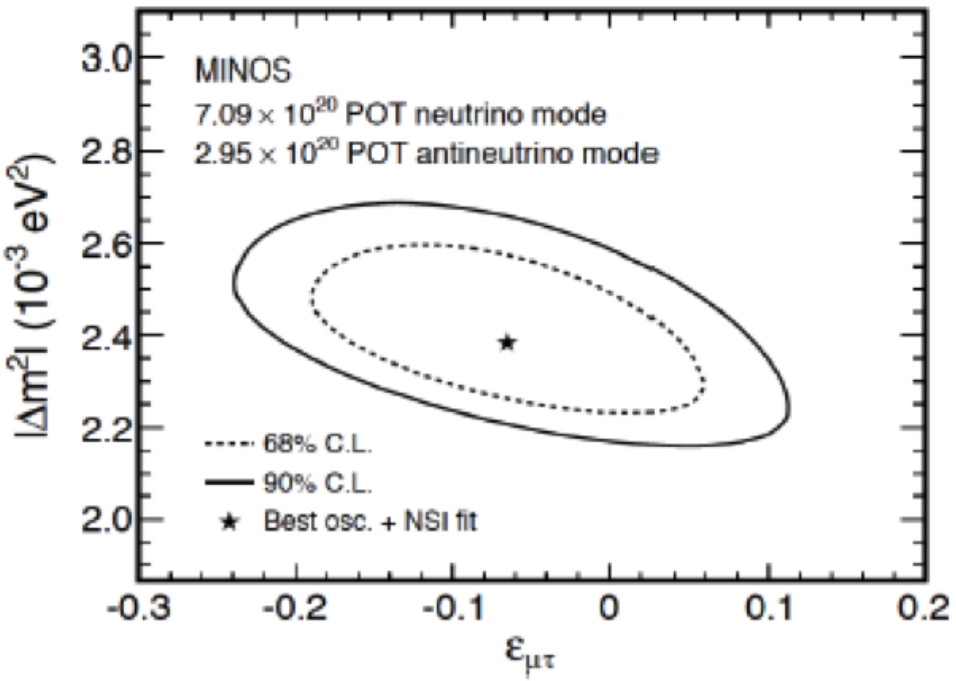
Non-Standard Interactions

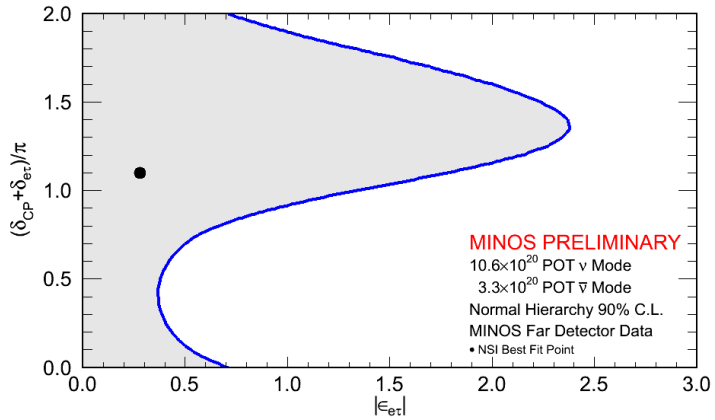
- Neutrinos could interact in a non-standard way
  - Friedland, Lunardini, Maltoni, PRD 70, 111301(2004)
  - Coelho, Kafka, Mann, Schneps, Altinok, PRD 86, 113015 (2012)
- ν_μ disappearance sensitive to $\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$
- ν_e appearance sensitive to $\epsilon_{e\tau}$

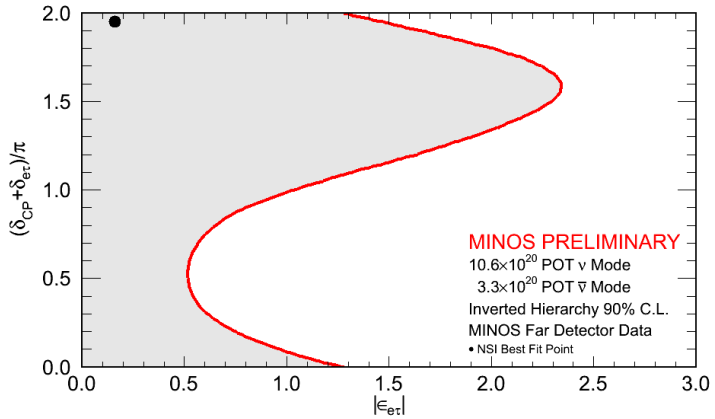
$$H = U_{PMNS} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m^2_{21}}{2E} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m^2_{31}}{2E} \end{bmatrix} U^\dagger_{PMNS} + \sqrt{2} G_F n_e \begin{bmatrix} 1+\epsilon_{ee} & \epsilon_{e\mu} & \epsilon_{e\tau} \\ \epsilon^\star_{e\mu} & \epsilon_{\mu\mu} & \epsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \epsilon^*_{e\tau} & \epsilon^*_{\mu\tau} & \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

Non-Standard Interactions

- Disappearance: $-0.20 < \epsilon_{\mu\tau} < 0.07$ (90% CL) (left)
  - PRD 88 072011 (2013)
- Appearance: Sets limits to $\epsilon_{e\tau}$ and δ_{CP} (right)







Future Plans

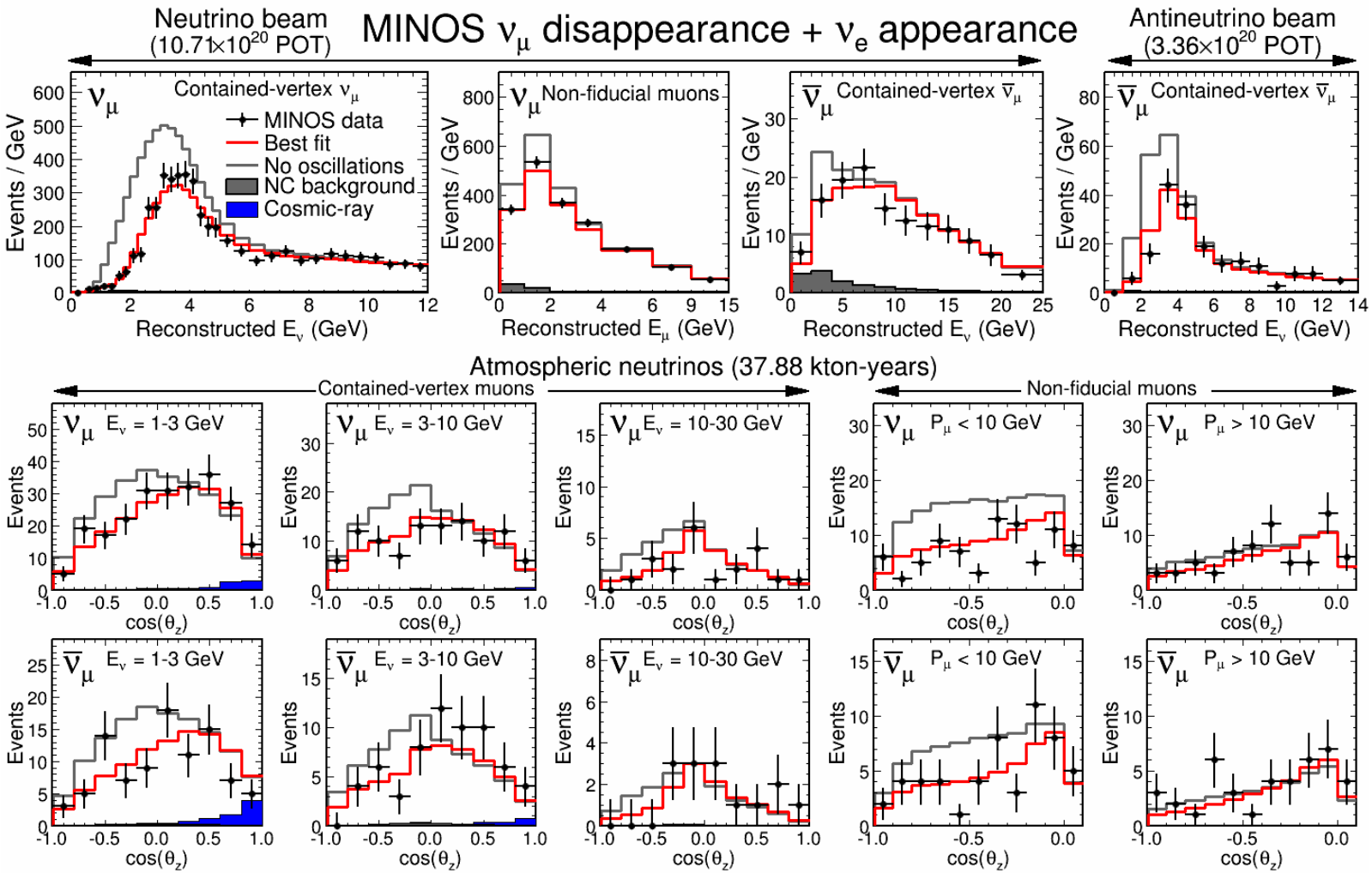
- Funding has been approved through FY2016.
- No detector upgrade is planned.
- Future running depends on physics potential.
  - NOνA is now the driving experiment along the NuMI beamline.
  - We will see what anomalies or lack thereof 2015 and 2016 has in store for us!
  - Check back in this summer!

Conclusion

- The Pioneering Experiment Still Has It!!!
  - Continuing to push our understanding of the atmospheric mixing parameters.
  - Unique sensitivity to sterile oscillation searches.
  - Valuable combinations with reactor and other long baseline searches.
  - Large extra dimensions, non-standard interactions, and more.
  - Goldmine of data for new searches!

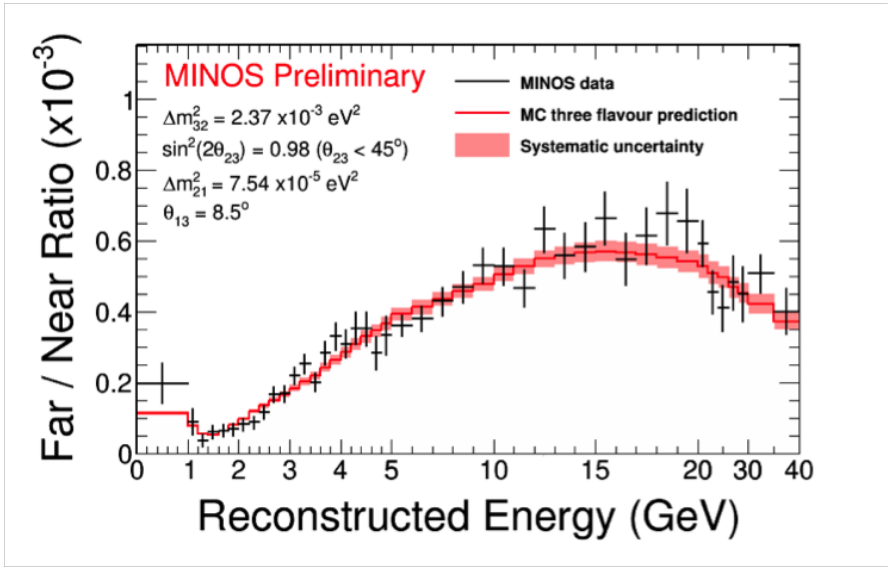
Backup

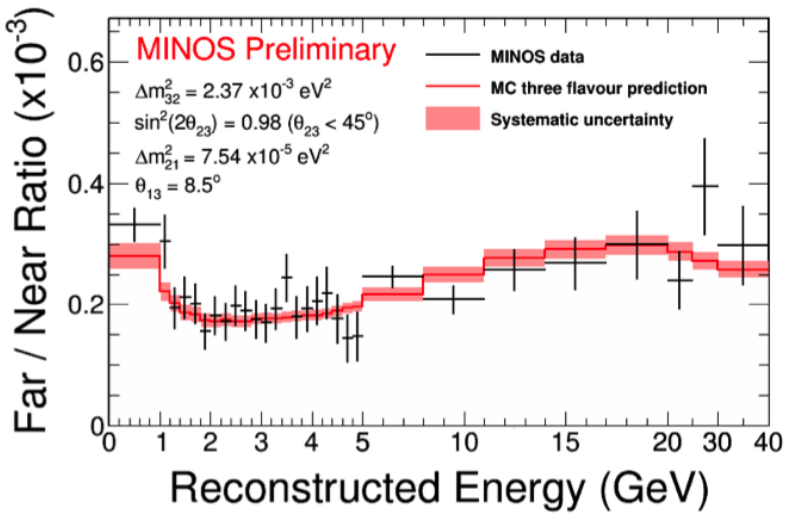
MINOS Combination



Sterile Searches: F/N Ratio

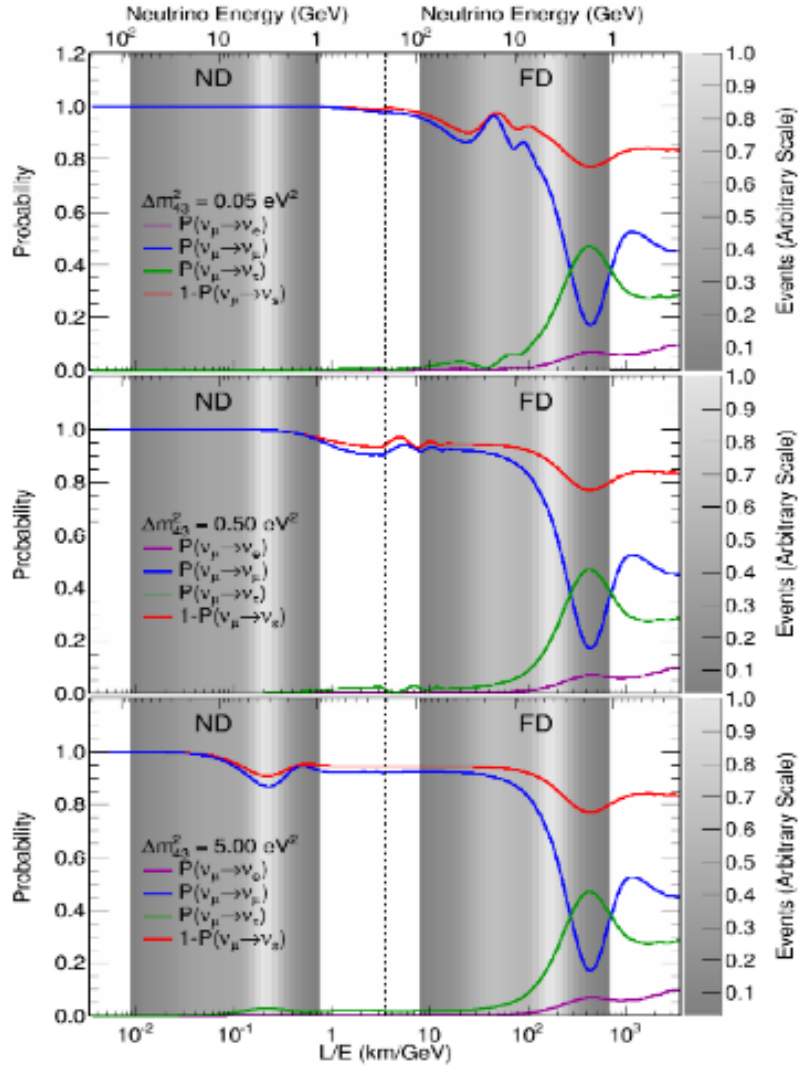
- For sterile searches, the possibility of short baseline oscillations requires a new technique from previous long baseline searches.
  - Far over near ratio employed for both CC and NC samples.





Sterile Searches: F/N Ratio

- Near detector oscillations become non-negligible for large Δm^2_{43}

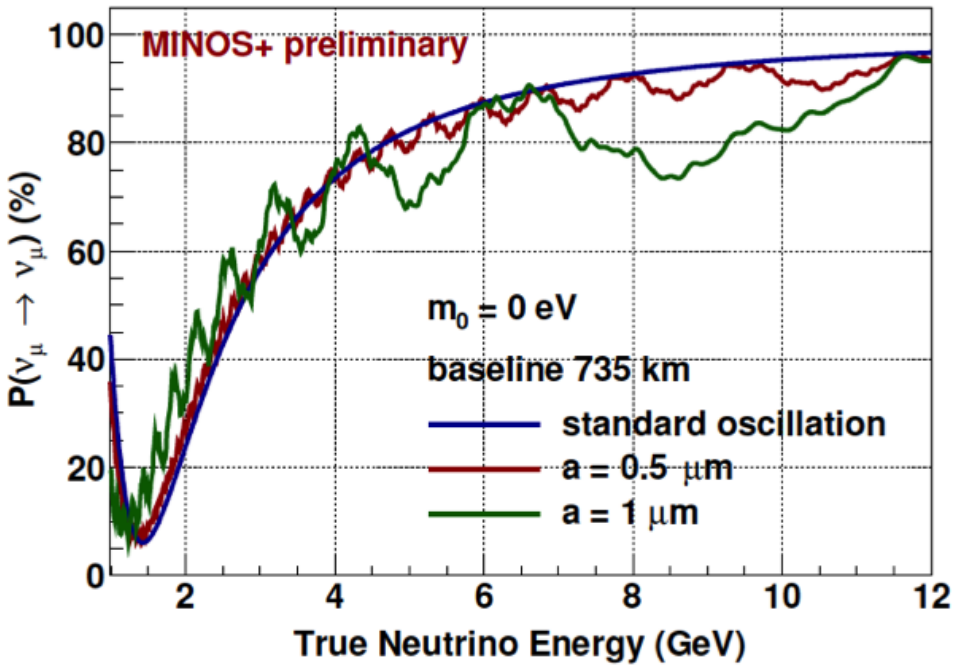


LED Sterile Neutrinos

- The oscillation amplitude is given by Arkani-Hamed et al.

$$A(\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta) = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{3} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} U_{\alpha i} U^*_{\beta k} W^{(0n)*}_{ij} W^{(0n)}_{ki} e^{i \frac{(\lambda_j^{(n)}/a)^2 L}{2E}}$$

where U and W are mixing matrices for active and Kaluza Klein states, $\lambda_j^{(n)}/a$ is the neutrino mass, m_0 is the smallest mass, and a is the extra dimension size.



LED Sterile Neutrinos

- MINOS+ will be able to achieve a limit on the extra dimension size of 0.4μm!